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SUBJ: PRIME MINISTER HUSSEIN ONN OPENS SECOND MEETING OF ASEAN  
ECONOMIC MINISTERS IN KUALA LUMPUR , MAR 8

REF: KUALA LUMPUR 1130

1. MALAYSIAN PRIME MINISTER HUSSEIN ONN, AT OPENING OF TWO-DAY  
SECOND MEETING OF ASEAN ECONOMIC MINISTERS IN KUALA LUMPUR ON  
MAR 8, EMPHASIZED THAT ASEAN IS NON-MILITARY, OPEN TO ALL  
STATES IN SOUTHEAST ASIA. AND NOT A TOOL OF ANY EXTRA REGIONAL  
BIG POWER.

2. PRINCIPAL POINTS OF HIS SPEECH ARE:

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A. QUOTE. HOWEVER, ONE THING EMERGES VERY LOUD AND CLEAR AFTER

BALI, THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF ASEAN HAVE BEEN CLARIFIED. ASEAN REMAINS A NON-IDEOLOGICAL, NON-MILITARY AND NON-ANTAGONISTIC ORGANIZATION. ITS MEMBERSHIP IS OPEN TO ALL STATES LOCATED IN GEORGRAPHICAL SOUTH-EAST ASIA AND BI-LATERAL COOPERATION IN AREA OF SECURITY IS BOTH NECESSARY AND DESIRABLE BUT ... IS TO BE PURSUED ... ON INDIVIDUAL BASIS OUTSIDE PURVIEW OF ASEAN. CENTRAL PURPOSE OF ASEAN ... HAS ALWAYS BEEN TO ADVANCE MATERIAL WELL-BEING ... THROUGH EFFECTIVE SOCIO-ECONOMIC COOPERATION.

B. QUOTE. I AM SURE YOU WILL ENSURE THAT THE DETAILS ARE WORKED OUT THOROUGHLY SO THAT THE FRUITS OF ECONOMIC CO-OPERATION ARE NOT MONOPOLIZED BY ONE OR TWO STATES BUT ARE SHARED OUT EVENLY BY ALL THE PARTICIPATING COUNTRIES ...

D. QUOTE. AT THIS POINT IN TIME WE ... RESTRICT OUR SCHEMES OF ECONOMIC COOPERATION (TO MEMBER COUNTRIES) ... NOT OUT OF OUR OWN VOLITION BUT BECAUSE WE ARE THE FIVE EXISTING MEMBERS OF ASEAN. WE EXTEND A FRIENDLY HAND TO BURMA, CAMBODIA, LAOS AND VIETNAM. AS FAR AS MALAYSIA IS CONCERNED, WE SHALL STRIVE RELENTLESSLY FOR A TRULY SOUTH-EAST ASIAN ASEAN....

E. QUOTE. WE ARE NOT TOOLS OF ANY EXTRA-REGIONAL, BIG POWER AND WE DO NOT INTEND TO BE SO. IN FACT, THE PRIME MOTIVATING FORCE BEHIND THE IDEA OF A PEACEFUL, FREE AND NEUTRAL ZONE, WHICH WAS GIVE EXPRESSION IN THE KUALA LUMPUR DECLARATION, IS PRECISELY THIS: TO AND WORK TOGETHER FRATERNALLY SO THAT SOUTH EAST ASIA CAN BE DENIED AS A BATTLE-GROUND FOR COMPETING AMBITIONS TO EXTRA-REGIONAL, BIG POWERS.... WE ARE CONFIDENT THAT TIME WILL SHOW THAT ASEAN IS ASEAN, NOT A NEW SEATO IN DISGUISE. UNQUOTE.

3. PROVISIONAL AGENDA OF MEETING LISTS FOLLOWING KEY TOPICS:

A. COOPERATION ON BASIC COMMODITIES, PARTICULARLY FOOD AND ENERGY;

B. INDUSTRIAL COOPERATION;

C. COOPERATION IN TRADE;

D. JOINT APPROACH TO INTERNATIONAL COMMODITY PROBLEMS;

E. JOINT APPROACH TO OTHER WORLD ECONOMIC PROBLEMS;

F. OTHER AREAS FOR ECONOMIC COOPERATION;

G. REVIEW OF EXISTING ASEAN MACHINERY FOR ECONOMIC COOPERATION;

AND

H. ADOPTION OF REPORT AND PRESS RELEASE.

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